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## **Free collections workshops begin in August**

PIERRE, S.D. – Free hands-on workshops for staff and volunteers at museums, libraries and archives in South Dakota kick off in August. The workshops will focus on how to properly care for a variety of collections, such as textiles, books, art, furniture and photographs.

Workshop dates and locations include:

- Aug. 8-10: Gregory County Historical Society, Dallas
- Aug. 15-17: Dakota Territorial Museum, Yankton
- Aug. 22-24: Fort Sisseton Historic State Park, Lake City
- Aug. 29-31: Timber Lake & Area Historical Society and Museum, Timber Lake
- Sept. 12-14: Tri-State Museum, Belle Fourche
- Sept. 19-21: Keystone Area Historical Society Museum, Keystone

Although the workshops are free, registration is required online at <http://dcciworkshops2012.eventbrite.com/> and closes one week prior to the start of each workshop.

The workshops are hosted by the Dakota Collections Care Initiative (DCCI), a partnership between collections care professionals at museums, libraries and archives in South Dakota and North Dakota to improve collections care and emergency preparedness and response for the small and mid-sized collecting heritage institutions across the two states.

DCCI partners include the South Dakota State Historical Society, Association of South Dakota Museums, North Dakota Library Association, Plains Art Museum in Fargo, South Dakota State Library and the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Terri Schindel, a conservator affiliated with the Museum Training Network, will lead the workshops. More information about DCCI and the summer workshops is available at <http://history.sd.gov/aboutus/dcci.aspx> or by calling (701) 355-4458. Or contact Chelle Somsen, South Dakota DCCI contact and State Historical Society Archivist, at (605) 773-3804.

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*and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*